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What better could the government of this country do than to extend to business that care and solicitude and aid which it shows in the case of the farmer? To make it affirmatively the business of the government to extend to the manufacturer throughout this country the opportunity of knowing about his particular line of manufacture the best that can be known, because every man among us who is adopting any process in business which is not the best is guilty of a waste from which all of us are suffering. The best that there is, the most advanced knowledge in every department of business, is that to which every American citizen, every American businessman, ought to be entitled, and more. I look forward to the trade commission which we are about to establish as an instrument which will be of inestimable advantage to the business and the future of America by making the common property and the common knowledge of American businessmen the best that has been done and is being done in every department of business throughout the world.—Louis D. Brandeis.

CHICAGO TIRES OF PARTISAN CITY POLITICS

Non-partisanship in municipal elections has grown steadily in favor throughout the United States and its friends are not few in Honolulu. Non-partisanship and efficiency make up as good a platform as any city could ask.

Even in such a party-ruled city as Chicago, where for many years party politics has been emphasized, the call for a new order of things is sounding louder and louder. The primaries of February 25 had some significant results, among which was the small vote cast as compared with the registration. Almost without exception the Chicago papers interpret this to prove that Chicago is no longer interested in partisan city politics.

The Daily News, a thoughtful and conservative paper, speaking of the cost of the primaries—\$212,200—and the small vote, says:

"The fact that only 173,786 men and women voted out of a registration of 592,148 men and women shows, say those who have studied the subject, that the average voter does not believe in the primary idea so far as local affairs are concerned. It was pointed out that the taxpayer will soon rebel at this enormous expense merely to perpetuate partisanship in local affairs. The figures show that 418,365 men and women 'sat by the fire' and refused to participate in the primary election, although they were registered and eligible.

"A businessman commenting upon the issue declared that such extravagance in a business world would mean ruin financially. Medill McCormick and other legislators who pressed the nonpartisan issue before the legislature last session said they would take the figures to Springfield next session and make them the basis for the nonpartisan campaign in the legislature.

"Since the choice of nominees is in so many instances gratifying to the friends of good local government, the relatively light vote at the primaries will cause little regret. In large measure it reflects popular disapproval of party meddling in municipal affairs. More than that, it shows a readiness on the part of many voters to join heartily now in non-partisan movements to support the best candidates in the various wards. Since this spirit is unquestionably abroad to a greater degree than ever before, intelligent campaigning by the citizens on behalf of reliable candidates should be large in volume and peculiarly effective.

"Pride in partisanship should not be permitted to interfere with the community's need for an intelligent, independent and generally efficient city council. The appearance of the woman voter has unquestionably swelled by many thousands the ranks of those who believe in nonpartisan action at local elections. Already the good influence of woman voters is to be discerned, since they helped materially to bring about the gratifying results of yesterday's primaries."

The News further comments very cordially in approval of the part taken by women in the primaries. The women "manfully exercised the right" of casting a vote, it declares.

THE CERTIFICATES APPLICATION

Recent advices from Washington are to the effect that the Cooper franchise bill is not likely to make much progress in Congress until after it has secured the approval of the territorial legislature. The Star-Bulletin has already expressed the belief that the bill should have been presented to the legislature in order that a thorough discussion might be had in the hearing of all the people. If Mr. Cooper has faith in the permanent value of his plans, he should be able to wait until next spring and ask the approval of the legislature, and then carry his request to Washington. Congress might take action if Governor Pinkham, after examination into the merits of the franchise application, should approve the bill, but even this course would not

meet with the satisfaction that would be afforded by legislative investigation and decision.

THE BUSY BEE

Alexander Hume Ford continues to spread the gospel of advertising through Australasia. The leading article in "The Australasian Traveller" for February, deals with this restless and energetic man, who is forming clubs apparently by the wholesale and boosting for Hawaii wherever he goes. He is urging closer cooperation of the countries bordering the Pacific to advertise their attractions to the tourists of the world and to organize their facilities systematically, economically to themselves and cheaply to travellers. His object is set forth in his own words in the "Traveller":

"We are now working out a practical plan to advance for all Australia and the Pacific to work together to make known the advantages of the lands about this great ocean to the white tourist, immigrant or investor, and to inform them where and which class of their order is most particularly desired."

PRECIPITATION

We hasten to call attention of the Honolulu funny men to the paragraph in the fire protection committee's report which speaks of "dry seasons" in Hilo. This is a chance which the alleged humorists of the capital cannot afford to overlook.—Editor Henry Walsworth Kinney in the Hilo Tribune.

We pass it up. Brother Kinney has a monopoly on dry humor.

THE RIGHT TREATMENT

The treatment suggested by the New York World, as a result of the metropolis's experience with the "unemployed" some weeks ago, ought to be repeated in California:

"Not since the first snow-storm, more than two weeks ago, has any man able and willing to wield a shovel needed to lack steady work in New York. The I. W. W. leaders who are inviting the worst elements of a great city to plunder do not want work; they do not want their dupes to accept work. They seek a 'social revolution,' and society should know how to meet the challenge. Work for those who want it and the rigor of the law for criminals will meet the situation."

A tourist thinks that moving pictures of an auto going over the Pali will be bad advertising for the islands. But then the pictures also show a portly policeman able to jump out in plenty of time—sufficient evidence that the picture is "posed."

Carnegie's luck may change if his money holds out. He is spending \$2,000,000 a year for peace and the nations are spending in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000,000 a year getting ready for war.

Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy is quitting because of sciatica. Let's see—why did Dr. John Bassett Moore get out? And Henry Lane Wilson?

That time-honored question, What shall we do with our ex-presidents? has faded into a whisper alongside of, What shall we do with our Mex. presidents?

Somebody might do good by leading that "army of unemployed" to some of the farms in the Western states. Harvest time is soon due.

Dr. Wilcox predicts a great future for alfalfa hay in Hawaii, which ought to lower the high cost of the breakfast table.

Among those keenly interested in the selection of a federal building site are the real estate men.

Anytime Londonderry abandons a proposed parade something mighty serious is the matter.

Secretary Bryan is also going to make a trip to South America. Probably to see what's left.

Tariff revision doesn't seem to have hurt that thriving industry of Hawaii, peanut politics.

Secretary Bryan has been called many names, but never before was it sciatica.

Is it possible that there is a demand among Democrats for a \$6000 job?

Those who say that Ulstermen won't fight are beginning to grow uneasy.

Looks like the Bull Moosers are going to horn in on local politics.

Old Doc's Talk

MOTHER

When you were born, my lad, she hadn't a wrinkle in her face, and your dad thought she looked as pretty as any of the girls you are not ashamed to be seen with at a dance. Her hair was rich brown, and in her eyes was the light of youth, but that was years ago, my son, and a good many things have happened since then.

With a heart ever eager and ready for any sacrifice, her hands have grown weary many and many a time doing the things which have helped to make you the big, husky man you are. And although dad has shared the burdens as they come rollin' in—bustlers some of them were, you met—there were hundreds of things only Mother could do.

Although, my boy, it's no longer the style for men and women to occupy different sides of a church even in country places, in this world as long as it lasts, some things women will have to do for themselves and others, no matter how willing men are. It's the way they're built. Ah, little you will ever know how much you were in Mother's thoughts day and night, before she heard your first cry, and long, long after. More real thoughts are worked into a baby's frock than into many a book, and infinitely more of that tender love and sympathy, my son, which warms our hearts towards the suffering poor of the world. In health and sickness you were her charge, the one object upon which she lavished her affection. What plans for your happiness, your success, your greatness in life! What loving anticipations warmed in her mind as she sat doing some task for you, my boy! How proud she was of your blue eyes, your golden curls, your rosy lips! How time and time again she told father some smart

saying of yours which they both agreed was brighter than had ever been uttered by any child of your age, and augured your future greatness! They always knew it, they said. Mother saw your genius in you the day you were born—a little bit of pink and white! Mother or dad either couldn't say where you got your smartness—avatism perhaps—but you were cut out to be a poet, an artist or a novelist. Some day, my son, you will realize both dad and mother were so particular about you. To them you were the Promised Child—the one of whom it was written in their hearts. Your Kingdom was come! Mother wasn't perfect, my son, any more than father was, or you will be in your loving attitude towards your boy; but she had a perfect love for you; the Divine mother-love which God has implanted in the hearts of some men and women.

For your own sake, lad, dear, say nothing and do nothing which may pain you in the coming years when your heart is right. Curb impatience, cut short hasty words—think before you express unkindness of any sort. And, my boy, if you have said or done what you already regret, unsay it and undo it with generous statement. Don't let pride, my boy, keep you from it. There's no investment in this life that brings such rich dividends as good, wholesome knowledge of wrong done another. And the certificate of forgiveness with the seal of Love—how much better than any other diploma!

Mother loves you, my son; and she always will!

Billie Parker

Letters OF TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

FROM THE ROYAL HOUSE OF LUXEMBOURG.

Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, T. H., March 19.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: "Ye gods and little fishes," Mr. Editor, "have a heart." Don't be so hard on the unemployed, or "hobs," or "bums," I, Stefan Wenzel (REX), one of the four last male members of the royal house of Luxembourg, have also been on the "road" for five years and have been a so-called "hobo" or "bum" for the sole purpose of agitating for the greatest movement in the world, bar none, and also for the purpose of seeing America, gaining knowledge, experience and data. I have been pretty well around in America in those five years and have had some very interesting experiences. Believe me; experience which I would not trade for any sum of money. What I refer to when I say the greatest movement in the world, bar none, I mean thereby, socialism, or the socialist party of the world. In other words the Marxian socialists. The only real, bona fide socialists in the world. The socialists, that the purest angel that ever stepped out of heaven need have no fear of. In those five years I worked for the betterment of the U. S., and I believe no other American in America worked harder than myself. Of course altogether I have actually over 20 years of experience working for socialism, although I am today only 33 years of age. So you see I must have started to work for the good of the world quite early.

Of course, while on the "road" I actually worked with my arms or muscles, when I was not employed in agitating a la Jack London. Of course, this all happened before I enlisted in the U. S. army in 1908. I wish I could have the liberty of correcting your editorials. Nothing grieves me more than this, with the exception of when my best girl gives me the cold shoulder. As you know an oath is an oath, and a Luxembourg never broke an oath, so you see you can not possibly accuse me of having "cold feet" or a "yellow streak." No member of the royal house of Luxembourg ever was a liar or coward. And if anyone thinks so, well, they can call on me and they will certainly find me willing to defend the honor of the fallen house of Luxembourg with my life if needs be. This challenge includes anyone and everybody. I bar none. And I am no "white hope" either.

Well, Mr. Editor, when my time in the army expires in March, 1915, I expect to stay in these islands of the Pacific for some time and I then will be at liberty to cross swords, or rather pens with you, and endeavor to correct some of those "splendid" editorials that you write. Hoping you will take this letter in good faith, as it should be taken, I am,

Yours respectfully,

STEFAN WENZEL (REX).

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P. S.—Just think, Mr. Editor, what Jesus Christ would say if he could look down from heaven and see all the unemployed men and women in the world and just imagine whom he would blame for the condition of those unfortunate people.

Also see if you can imagine how the fever must have burned within my breast in the last two years every time I put my eyes on such beautiful editorials like the "Unemployed and Unemployable."

"Oh, you Wall Street journal," I personally recommend the editor of that publication for membership in that famous club that Colonel Roosevelt has the honor of being a member of.

S. W. (REX).

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—SUPERVISOR PACHECO: Soapbox Barron ought to be about to Washington now.

—MAYOR J. J. FERN: Before taking over the water works we had better see if there is any water in them.

—P. T. PHILLIPS: Despite the rain at the Volcano, considerable fire was noted at the bottom of the pit by the party of tourists who returned to this city in the Mauna Kea today.

JUDGE JOHN T. DE BOLT (former supreme justice): Such are the fortunes of politics. I'm just a plain attorney again and have hung out my shingle at room 408 Judd building.

—JOHN MARCALLINO (who drives a Ford): I always suspected Philip L. Weaver suffered from bats in his belfry, and now since reading that new ordinance of his I am convinced of the melancholy fact.

—T. H. GIBSON: An increased interest is being taken in the meetings of the territorial teachers' association.

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tion. At the gathering yesterday afternoon I noticed several teachers from Ewa and other points out of town.

—H. B. WELLER: With the arrival of the new Union Oil Company delivery wagon from the coast the other day, there is no further need to travel on the water-cart. We will have a similar vehicle for the Maui trade before long.

—E. A. MOTT-SMITH: There is one thing I am going to miss when I leave the utilities commission. That is the pleasure I have experienced in starting what some day I hope will be a complete utilities library. It was a job to get it started, but it was lots of fun.

—SPENCER BOWEN: Evidently, somebody tried to play a very crude joke on the Associated Charities the other day. A voice over the phone said that 50 men were wanted at once on a certain job. I asked the party to hold the wire until the files could be consulted. When I returned a moment later, the party had hung up.

W. H. C. CAMPBELL is back from a tour of Hawaii where he conducted a party of tourists.

DR. J. S. B. PRATT of the public

health department is back from an inspection tour of Hawaii.

J. F. HECKFELD returned this morning from Maui as a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea.

SAMUEL PARKER, JR., was an arrival from Kawaihae in the steamer Mauna Kea this morning.

A. J. WIRTZ is back from a business trip to the island of Hawaii. He was a passenger in the Mauna Kea.

P. C. BEAMER, the Hilo automobile magnate, was numbered among the travelers to reach the city this morning in the steamer Mauna Kea.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN F. MURPHY of Seattle expect to sail on the Makura for the Northwest, after spending several weeks in the islands.

E. M. WATSON, new associate justice of the supreme court, has formally retired from the firm of Thompson, Wilder, Watson & Lyner and F. W. Milverton has joined the firm as of March 19.

MRS. H. G. WINKLEY and Arthur Winkley were departing passengers on the Oceanic Ventura yesterday en route to England. Arthur Winkley will enter school there.

REV. ALBERT ERDMAN, D. D., father of Rev. John P. Erdman, who has been visiting in Honolulu for the past several months, will deliver his farewell sermon in the Kalihl Union church tomorrow evening. Dr. Erdman intends leaving for the mainland in a few days.

Personal Mention

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